



# 2001 Wetlands Reserve Program

## Project Focus

A Caswell County WRP project has restored a section of creek that was straightened in the early fifties. The site, which lies in the floodplain of the Dan River, was used for crop production until 1995. This is the first WRP project where Fluvial Geomorphology was used to restore hydrology on a WRP.

The restoration design imitates nature by restoring a natural meandering pattern to the creek and has resulted in the creation of 26-acres of prime wildlife habitat. The owner is a "wildlife enthusiast" who is highly interested in the development of wildlife habitat. Today, heron tracks, crayfish chimneys, and wetland wild flowers can be found where the plow once passed.



## North Carolina Summary

### Overview

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to eligible landowners to restore, enhance, and protect wetlands. Landowners have the option of enrolling eligible lands through permanent easements, 30-year easements, and restoration cost-share agreements.

Program funding comes through the Commodity Credit Corporation with program implementation being handled by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

### Accomplishments

North Carolina NRCS received \$1.5 million in Federal fiscal year (FY) 2001 for WRP and enrolled 1,912 acres in the program. Total program enrollment exceeds 20,000 acres.

Under the cooperative agreement between NRCS and Ducks Unlimited an engineer and biologist will work with private landowners to complete the restoration on wetlands under WRP contracts. In FY-2001 emphasis was placed on converting and restoring land along migratory bird routes.

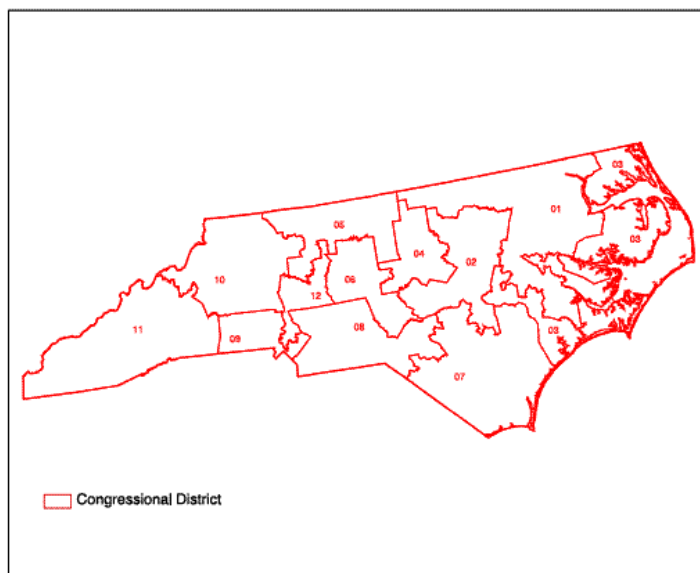
### Program Benefits

The emphasis of WRP is to protect, restore, and enhance the functions and values of wetland ecosystem to attain: first and foremost, habitat for migratory birds and wetland dependent wildlife, including threatened and endangered species, protect and improvement of water quality, attenuation of water flows due to flooding, recharge of ground water, protection and enhancement of open space and aesthetic quality, protect of native flora and fauna contributing to the Nation's natural heritage, and contribution to educational and scientific scholarship.

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## North Carolina Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District



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Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (95-01)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	\$298,250	2	\$1,725,970	6
District 2				
District 3	\$1,060,900	3	\$6,388,854	27
District 4	\$140,850	1	\$140,850	2
District 5			\$73,600	2
District 6				
District 7			\$62,221	2
District:8			\$6,000	1
District:9				
District:10			\$17,500	1
District:11			\$13,106	3
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>		<b>\$8,428,101</b>	<b>44</b>

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